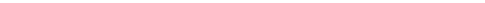


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Serial No. 10/773,488 ) Examiner: Daniel Vetter  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.114.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

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Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

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Attached is/are:

An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings

New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

Applicant(s) calculates the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

A Request fee of \$810 under 37 CFR §1.17(e).

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An additional filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR §1.16 (\_\_\_\_\_ additional independent claims and/or \_\_\_\_\_ additional total claims).

An extension fee of \$120 under 37 CFR §1.17(a) for a one-month extension of time. A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas A. Oguss (Reg. No. 48,469)

June 13, 2008

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